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SUBJECT: EXAMINATION OF CENTRAL SUPPLY AGENCY (CSA)

-- AND EUROPEAN SUPPLY AGENCY (ESA)

THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MESSAGE INTERRUPTS THE SILENCE PROCEDURE ON AN IPC/FAPC DOCUMENT. SUBJECT TO MISSION CONCURRENCE IT SHOULD BE DISSEMINATED BOTH IN US CHANNELS TO ALL NATO CAPITALS AND IN NATO CHANNELS NATO-WIDE.

BEGIN TEXT DRAFT MEMO:

EXAMINATION OF CENTRAL SUPPLY AGENCY (CSA) AND EUROPEAN
SUPPLY AGENCY (ESA)

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1. AS NOTED BY THE US DELEGATE TO THE FAPC/IPC JOINT

WORKING GROUP DURING ITS RECENT MEETING, THE DOCUMENT (REF A) PREPARED BY THAT GROUP AND ITS RAPPOREURS REQUIRES EXTENSIVE REVISION PRIOR TO BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE US DELEGATES TO THE IPC, FAPC, AND SCEPC. IT IS, THEREFORE, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT:

-- A. THIS ITEM BE DELETED FROM THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER REINFORCED SCEPC, AND

-- B. THE IPC AND FAPC EXAMINE THE DOCUMENT AT THEIR FALL MEETINGS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE NEED FOR EDITING, THERE ARE TWO BASIC ISSUES WHICH THE US CONSIDERS TO REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

-- A. THE US IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE INCONSISTENCIES IN PARAGRAPH FOUR, WHICH INCLUDES STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THERE WILL BE A SINGLE AGENCY (CSA) AND IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH THAT TWO AGENCIES (CSA AND ESA) WILL BE APPROVED. THIS PARAGRAPH REQUIRES REVISION TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS ARE VERY CLEARLY AND EXACTLY DEFINED. THE US CONSIDERS THAT THE REVISED PARAGRAPH SHOULD SPECIFY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS GUIDANCE, THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SINGLE SUPPLIES AGENCY. THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE THE CSA WITH THE ESA, AS SUCH, BEING ABOLISHED. THE US FEELS THAT THE CSA SHOULD BE HEAD-QUARTERED IN USA, WITH A EUROPEAN BRANCH LOCATED IN EUROPE. THAT BRANCH WOULD ASSUME THE DUTIES NOW ASSIGNED TO ESA, AND AS APPROPRIATE, WOULD ALSO ACT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CSA AND CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT AGENCY. SUCH A SINGLE AGENCY WOULD HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES, FUNCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, WHICH WE BELIEVE OUTWEIGH ANY DISADVANTAGES. THE US (AND, WE BELIEVE, MOST OF THE NATO GOVERNMENTS) FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE SINGLE AGENCY CONCEPT, AND THUS, IN SPITE OF THE NECESSITY FOR A CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANTIAL REVISION OF PRESENT PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS, WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE TRANSFER OF THE CSA WARTIME SITE TO A LOCATION IN EUROPE IF SUCH A STEP IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE APPROVED CONCEPT OF CENTRALIZATION.

-- B. THE DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT NATO WOULD RELY TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON, OR COORDINATE ITS WORK WITH, SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS EEC, OECD, ETC. WHILE THE ADVANTAGES OF LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS WITH NON-NATO ORGANIZATIONS OR EVEN NON-NATO COUNTRIES ARE OBVIOUS, IN OUR OPINION NATO MUST HAVE INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE ON WHICH TO BASE DECISIONS, AND THEREBY POSSESS THE BASIS OF A CAPABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON ITS OWN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

ERNMENTS' INTERESTS. NATO SHOULD NOT
RELY EXTENSIVELY ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR INFORMATION
AND ANALYSES IN TIMES OF CRISES, EMERGENCY OR WAR, OR
BASE ITS DECISIONS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES ON OTHER
AGENCY PLANS, POLICIES, OR ACTIVITIES.
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